

# Integrating Hydrogen into Existing Clean Fuel Corridors

**Cliff Gladstein**

**Director,**

**Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor**

**Natural Gas Vehicle Technology Forum**

**Washington, D.C. – August 4, 2005**

# Summary

- Existing Clean Fuel Corridors present opportunities for H<sub>2</sub> development
- Challenges for H<sub>2</sub> development presented in clean fuel corridors
- Criteria for identifying potential projects to integrate H<sub>2</sub> into existing NGV deployments
- Propose Scope of work to coordinate H<sub>2</sub>/NG efforts

➤ This study was funded by NREL under sponsorship from the DOE Office of FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies



# Background on ICTC

- Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor founded in 1996
- Steering Committee: U.S. DOE; U.S. EPA; CEC; ARB; SCAQMD; MDAQMD; AVAPCD; SANBAG; RCTC
- The most-successful planned clean fuel corridor development project in the nation
- Mission: Develop a **public-private partnership** to accelerate the **commercialization** of alternative fuels in **goods movement** by concentrating public resources on the deployment of new, clean-fuel heavy-duty tractors, the development of a network of refueling facilities to serve these vehicles, and the linkage of these facilities to existing fleets of AFVs to ensure the **economic sustainability** of the system.



# Elements of Successful Clean Fuel Corridors

- **Clean Fuel Corridors (CFCs) are for HDVs**
  - ✓ LD AFVs limited range, fleet oriented deployment restrict to intra-city travel
  - ✓ HDVs designed to travel between cities, states
  - ✓ HDVs consume prodigious volumes of fuel
- **LNG dominant (but not only) fuel ICTC**
  - ✓ Provide range needed in AFV HDVs
  - ✓ Minimize weight penalty
  - ✓ Infrastructure more flexible

# Elements of Successful Clean Fuel Corridors (cont.)

- **Corridor developed incrementally through simultaneous infrastructure development with AFV fleet deployment**
  - ✓ Strategically located existing fleets
  - ✓ Enough vehicles to economically support station
  - ✓ Need sufficient fuel throughput to justify fueling infrastructure
- **Public-Private Partnerships**
- **Concentrate Public, Private resources on High probability projects**

# Benefits of Blending H<sub>2</sub> with Natural Gas

- **SunLine Transit experience:**
  - 50% reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
  - 7% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Slight improvements in power, torque
- When H<sub>2</sub> replaces CH<sub>4</sub>, range is reduced (80/20 mix by vol. = 15% ↓); In proposed LNG configuration, however, H<sub>2</sub> component will increase range
- Increased load for stations; valuable experience; opportunity for suppliers, vendors to reduce costs

# Challenges to H<sub>2</sub> in Clean Fuel Corridors

- **CNG Buses and Trucks**
  - Reduction in range
- **LNG Trucks**
  - Requires integration of another fuel into the system
  - Need for on-board blending
- **Complexity (2 and 3 fuels?!)**
- **Adding H<sub>2</sub> Storage increases Weight (cylinders)**
- **Costs**
  - Hydrogen
  - Vehicle conversion,
  - On-site hydrogen production



# Opportunities for H<sub>2</sub> in Clean Fuel Corridors

- **Centralized fleets**
  - Centralized fueling
  - Return-to-base
  - Central management and control
- **Prodigious fuel consumption**
- **Public Accessibility** - Stations serve a larger vehicle population (opportunity for growth)
- **Existing natural gas infrastructure**
- **Operator familiar w/alternative fuels**
- **LNG reduces gas quality issues (H<sub>2</sub> production)**



# Proposed ICTC Sites for H<sub>2</sub> Integration

- **USA Waste, City of Fresno**
  - LNG refuse collection trucks
  - Mack E7G engines
- **City of Barstow**
  - CNG transit buses
  - Goshen 25 ft buses w/Cummins 5.9L B Gas Plus
- **City of Tulare**
  - CNG integration
- **Harris Ranch, City of Coalinga**
  - LNG over-the-road trucks
  - Dual-fuel engines



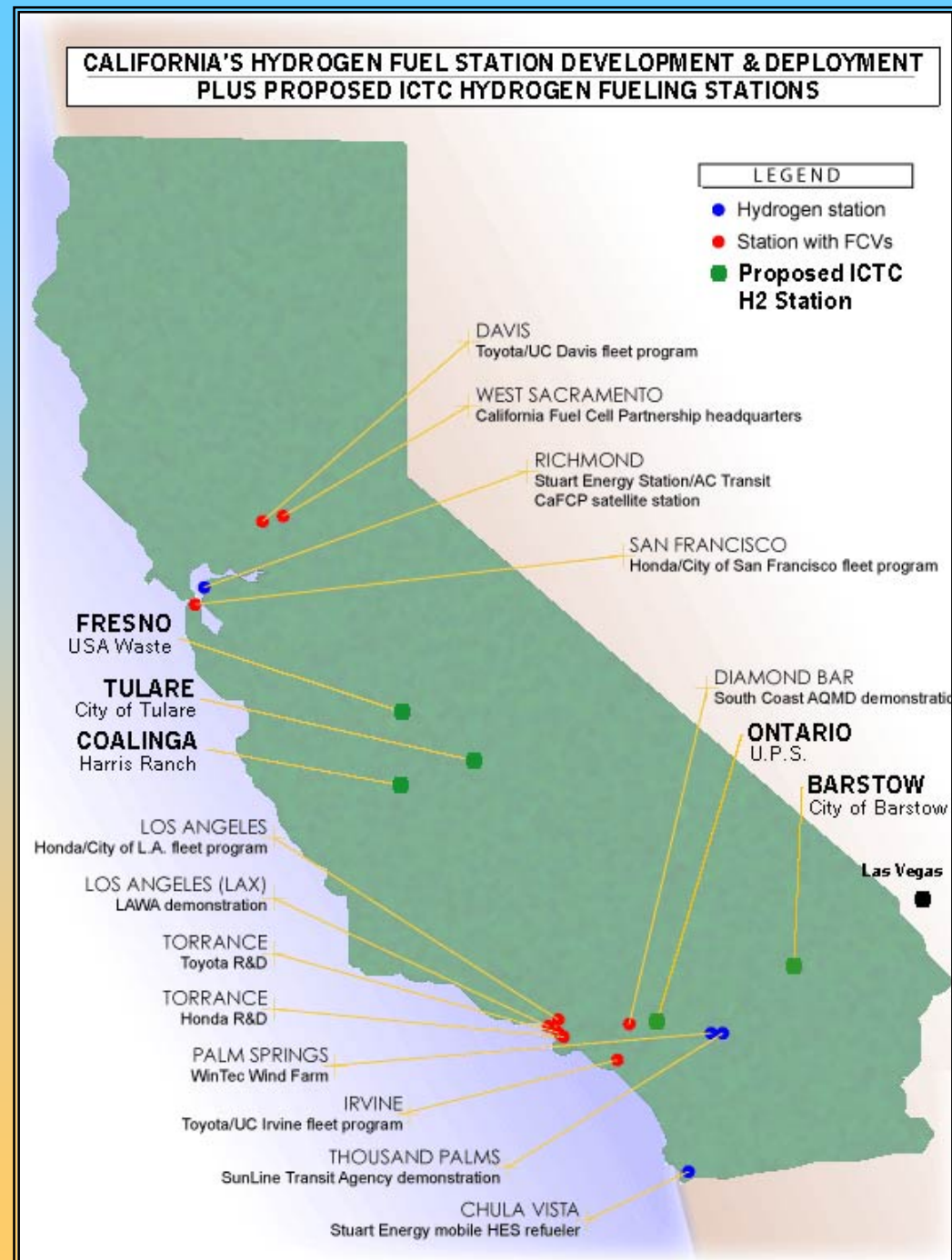
# Advantages of Approach

- Link to existing AF corridor – CNG, LNG as bridge to Hydrogen Future
- Bridge gaps in emerging H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure
- Create Clean Fuel Clusters – LNG and Hythane for HDVs, LCNG & H<sub>2</sub> for LDVs
- Work with fleets with AFV experience
- Utilize existing NG vehicles as consumers of H<sub>2</sub>
- Collaborate with existing H<sub>2</sub> development efforts

# Link to Existing Corridor

- No need to “reinvent the wheel”; successful mechanism already in place
- Natural gas infrastructure exists in strategic locations through LNG
- Fleets (both public & private) with AFV & AF infrastructure experience
- Capable public-private partnership with experienced management
- Established, effective and well coordinated working relationships btw public agencies, private sector

# Current and Proposed H<sub>2</sub> Stations and Proposed ICTC H<sub>2</sub> Stations



# Work with Fleets with AFV Experience

- Know the difficulties of trying new technology; know what to expect
- Understand bureaucracy, application processes, reimbursement, reporting, etc., that comes with participation in AFV projects using grant funding
- More likely to appreciate the non-monetary benefits
- Have existing relationships

# Discussion



# OF THE ICTC

- Identify and Secure Participation of Early Adopters
- Concentric Circles – Build the Corridor by focusing on the development of H<sub>2</sub> nodes/clusters/villages
- Coordinate goals of many public agencies and private interests
- Leveraging funding from multiple sources to “stretch” funding for the project
- Integrate H<sub>2</sub> into ICTC by promoting a technology mix (because of status of the technology)
- Primary difference: Much more focused on technology demonstration than ICTC

# Next Steps

- **Identify and Define Needed New Technology**
- **Identification, Allocation of Resources**
- **Secure Commitments from Participants**
- **Secure and Provide Specifications for Sites**
- **Ascertain 3rd Party Use for Proposed Sites**